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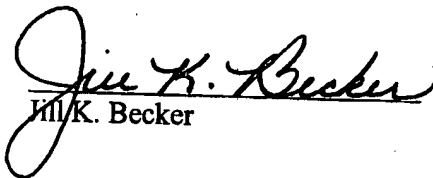
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Request for Refund

Dear Sir or Madam:

On August 3, 2004, in response to the Final Office Action, dated March 16, 2004, and the Advisory Action, dated July 21, 2004, applicants filed a Notice of Appeal for the above-referenced patent application. The Notice of Appeal was filed with a request for a one-month extension of time. This Request was for one month, since applicants filed the Response to Final

within two-months of the Final Office Action, but the Advisory Action was mailed after three months from the Final Office Action.

Specifically, a response to the Final Office Action, dated March 16, 2004, was filed on Monday, May 17, 2004. The filing on Monday, May 17, 2004, is within the two-month date of the Final Office Action, since the two-month date fell on Sunday, May 16, 2004. An Advisory Action was mailed on July 21, 2004, after the three-month date of the Final Office Action, which ended on June 16, 2004. Since applicants filed the Response within the two-month date, but the Advisory Action was mailed after the three-month date, the extension fee was calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action. Thus, this Notice of Appeal was timely filed with a one-month extension of time.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the additional extension fee of \$310 be refunded and deposited into Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

Respectfully submitted,

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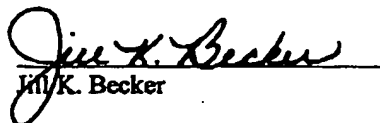
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Dear Sir:

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01 FC:1252 Applicants hereby request, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of  
time for filing a response to the Final Office Action, dated March 16, 2004. For the reasons  
described below, the requested extension is for one-month from July 21, 2004, the mailing date  
of the Advisory Action, until August 21, 2004. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

In particular, in response to the Final Office Action, dated March 16, 2004, and the  
Advisory Action, dated July 21, 2004, applicants are filing herewith a Notice of Appeal for the

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